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Excellence in Undersea Warfare Technology

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**JOINT ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE NAVY (RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT
AND ACQUISITION) / AMERICAN DEFENSE PREPAREDNESS AWARD
FOR EXCELLENCE IN UNDERSEA WARFARE TECHNOLOGY**

1. Background

a. The award was first presented in March 1988 as the Naval Sea Systems Command Award for Excellence in Undersea Warfare Technology.

b. Awardee receives an engraved plaque from the Assistant Secretary the Navy (RD&A) and a memento from the American Defense Preparedness Association, the sponsor of the award.

c. The normal inscription is:

**ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE NAVY AWARD
FOR EXCELLENCE IN
UNDERSEA WARFARE TECHNOLOGY
(NAME, RANK & SERVICE OF RECIPIENT)
(DATE OF AWARD)**

d. The award is presented annually at the March graduation ceremony to an outstanding officer student who successfully completes any curricular program and a thesis which demonstrates outstanding potential for application to undersea warfare technology.

2. Action

a. The responsible action officer is the Undersea Warfare Curricular Officer (Code 3A).

b. A NPS selection committee will select the recipient of the award.

c. The selection committee is chaired by the Undersea Warfare Curricular Officer and will be composed of the members of the USW Academic Group plus not more than three additional faculty members selected by the chairman.

d. The USW Curricular Officer will provide the Chairman of the Undersea Warfare Systems Division of the American Defense Preparedness Association and Assistant Secretary of the Navy (RD&A) with the award recipient's name, professional biography and unclassified thesis abstract by the end of February each year.